

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL WORKSESSION/ROUNDTABLE**  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA  
CONFERENCE ROOM 190, YUMA CITY HALL  
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA  
**July 20, 2010**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Krieger** called the City Council meeting to order.

Councilmembers Present:     Stuart, Mendoza, McClendon, Brooks-Gurrola, Johnson and  
  Mayor Krieger  
Councilmembers Absent:     Beeson  
Staffmembers Present:     City Administrator, Greg Wilkinson  
  Various Department Heads or their representative  
  City Clerk, Lynda L. Bushong

**I.     CHARTER REVIEW**

**Wilkinson** briefed Council on past procedures for establishing a Charter Review Committee.

- Recommended the following:
  - Mayor and Council each appoint two people to sit on the committee.
    - Replacement of members does not occur for the duration of the Charter Review.
  - The committee will review the entire Charter with emphasis on target areas.
  - Any recommendations for changes/updates will go to Mayor and Council for approval.
    - The goal is to have any/all amendments to the Charter completed by May 2011, to include them on the following election in November 2011.

Discussion

- Consider reappointing some members from the previous Charter Review Committees to assist with the process.
- Review the recommendations not approved during the previous Charter review and use them as a starting point.
  - Distribute past recommendations and committee member lists to Mayor and Council to use as reference material.
- Committee members should possess the following knowledge:
  - Function of Government and City Hall
  - Process of how the Charter is compiled
  - How Council is formed

## II. YUMA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION LOCAL TRANSIT SHARE

**Wilkinson** briefed Council on what is being presented for action at the July 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Council Meeting.

- Provided Mayor and Council information on the results of YCAT's last five years of audits.
  - Audit results reflect unsatisfactory performance from YMPO and some of the issues outlined during these audits have yet to be addressed and resolved.
    - YMPO has accomplished substantial progress in the reorganization of accounting, but there has not been sufficient focus on the efficiency and route sections.
    - Due to backlog in audits, results of upcoming audits will not reflect recent progress.
- Recommended the City continue to fund YCAT for the next four months with outlined conditions that encompass the review of their efficiency and additional areas identified by the City, completing a reassessment at the end of the proposed term. At the end of this term if conditions are not satisfactorily met the City can begin to explore other alternatives.
- YMPO has requested \$217,000 for YCAT operations; \$54,376 would fund the next four months.

**Mayor Krieger** mentioned Council would receive a copy of the Yuma Metropolitan Planning Organization (YMPO) by-laws. He quoted the following from the YMPO's by-laws:

*"The objective of the YMPO is to carry out the planning, coordination, and integration of activities necessary to maintain a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing multiagency transportation planning program; and further, as specified by the Executive Board of the YMPO, carry out other related specific tasks including implementation thereof."*

*"The underlying concept of the YMPO shall be Local Governments and Citizens Working Together. The YMPO will exercise leadership and initiative in planning and assisting development of the Yuma area."*

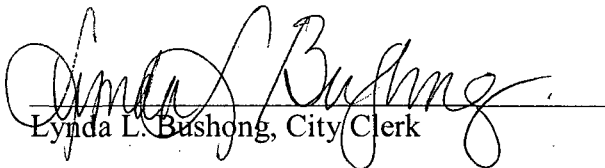
### Discussion

- If the proposed recommendation to fund YMPO for transit is approved, the independent review should be conducted by an experienced consultant in public transit systems.
- YMPO is a planning organization that undertook the responsibility of managing the public transit system and has not expressed any concerns of lack of knowledge or capabilities in administering the transportation system versus their planning organization.
- The City budgeted and paid funds for YMPO's planning section using the Highways User Revenue Fund (HURF), due to the removal of the Local Transportation Assistance Fund (LTAF) the City was unable to budget funds specifically for the public transit system.
  - Continued funding for YCAT may come from the Contingency Funds.
  - It's expected YMPO will request additional funding in efforts to rebuild the spent operating fund of \$1 million originally provided by the City and Yuma County.

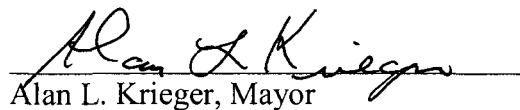
- Numerous correspondences were received in support of YCAT and Dial-A-Ride but the use of services does not reflect this support, the community needs to show its support by using the system.
- Routes need to be re-examined to evaluate which serve the most need.
  - The school systems resolved their bus route problem by acquiring an expert tracking software for GPS and passenger accountability. Such software/study should be able to define:
    - How are the routes configured?
    - What purpose should the routes serve?
- Assess the possibility and timeframe needed to implement a regional transit system.
  - Determine if a vote of the people is necessary for implementation for an area of population over 200,000.
- The current design of the public transit system does not reflect the need of the community; it was designed so big that it has become wasteful.

### III. EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

**Mayor Krieger** adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m. to Executive Session.

  
Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
Alan L. Krieger, Mayor

